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**More Wintry Weather Starting Tonight**

**Baton Rouge (March 4th)** – The Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) continues to monitor another round of dangerous winter weather conditions expected to start tonight across much of the state. The National Weather Service (NWS) has issued a Winter Weather Warning or Winter Weather Advisory in portions of central and north Louisiana as a strong cold front sweeps the region.

GOHSEP Director Kevin Davis said, "Monitor the National Weather Service and your local media for potential impacts where you live. Look for advisories from local emergency officials before you travel. As we've seen, conditions during these type of weather events can rapidly change."

Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) will have scouts on the roadways throughout the evening to inspect state routes. Also, DOTD is prepared for salting and de-icing operations. Current inventories of salt and sand, as well as equipment, are adequate to respond to this possible winter weather event.

DOTD will do everything possible to keep Louisiana's interstate system and highways open in the event of freezing rain, sleet or snow. Crews will address affected bridges and roadways and will prioritize the maintenance and closure of bridges and roadways based on traffic volumes. Some roadways may have to be closed for the safety of the traveling public if the roads are deemed unsafe or impassable.

The Louisiana State Police (LSP) urges motorists to keep abreast of the latest weather and travel conditions before deciding whether a trip is necessary as conditions become dangerous. Drivers should use caution and be prepared for black ice--a thin, transparent layer of ice accumulation that can be visually hard to detect on bridges, overpasses, off-ramps and in shady spots.

DOTD and LSP have resources available for motorists. For updates on possible road closures, crashes, and other safety information, view the Louisiana State Police Facebook page, the LSP Twitter feed @LAStatePolice, or the DOTD travel information database by calling 511 or logging onto 511la.org.

You can receive emergency alerts on most smartphones and tablets by downloading the new ALERT FM App. It is free for basic service. You can also download the new Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Guide and find other important information at [www.getagameplan.org](http://www.getagameplan.org). The Get a Game Plan App is available for download to your smart phones or tablets.

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